IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

The text of all pending claims (including any withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Canceled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1.–9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus for reproducing AV data using a markup document in an interactive mode, comprising:

a reader which reads a preload-list file before the reproducing of the AV data begins;

a buffer which buffers the markup document;

a content decoder which interprets the markup document; and

a buffer manager which manages the buffer to preload the markup document based on contents of the preload-list file before the reproducing of the AV data begins, and informs the content decoder of whether preloading of the markup document is completed.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the buffer manager informs the content decoder of whether the preloading of the markup document is completed utilizing an application program interface (API).

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the buffer manager preloads the markup document into the buffer in response to a fetch signal.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a content decoder which interprets the markup document and outputs the fetch signal;

wherein the buffer manager informs the content decoder of whether a command to preload the markup document, included in the fetch signal, has been successfully received.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the content decoder generates the fetch signal using an API.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the buffer manager informs the content decoder of whether the command has been successfully received using the API.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a content decoder which interprets the markup document;

wherein the content decoder checks whether preloading of the markup document is completed using an API.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the API is an [obj].allDone API.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the [obj].allDone API returns a value of true to the content decoder where the preloading of the markup document is completed and returns a value of false to the content decoder where the preloading of the markup document is not completed.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the preload-list file contains information identifying at least one markup document that is to be preloaded into the buffer under the control of the buffer manager before the reproducing of the AV data begins.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the reader reads the preload-list file from an information storage medium.